

April 2009 Birth Defect News Bulletin

Hello, my name is Nila Irwin and I maintain the Nebraska Birth Defect Registry.

Birth Defects has a program with the capability to electronically file the hospital's birth defects (It is part of the same system that you use for births). I am really excited about this program.

I started working on the program in 2005. After a lot of hard work and dedication it is now officially ready to go out.

On October 5, 2006, the State Birth Defect Registry initiated the registration of birth defect records electronically.

St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center was selected and agreed to be the "pilot hospital" to test out the program. The medical record coders were trained and they went to "live production" on February 1, 2008. Thank you ladies for your great work!!

I have demonstrated our power point presentation of the program to several Omaha hospitals.

Nebraska Medical Center was trained on January 15, 2009 and went "live" with their 2009 birth defects.

Ogallala Community Hospital Medical Record's Manager was shown the Power Point Presentation and trained on March 23, 2009 and has since begun to go "live" with their 2009 birth defects.

We have changed the title of the ICD-10 Code on the defect item to ICD-9-CM Code.

If you would like to see a demonstration of the birth defect program, please call Nila Irwin at (402) 471-0354. We would be delighted to come show it to you.